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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT

Discussions with OTS on the SRI Project

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	1. OOB Ops Testing. On 27 June 74 I met with of OTS
	to review with them their protocol for testing one of the SRI subjects in an
	OOB 'viewing' of a Soviet target; the substance of their proposal may be seen
	in the attached draft. Though many other aspects were discussed, the only
	points made by me which touched on our basic research interests may be summar-
	ized as follows: we'd like to have EEG, GSR and plethysmograph monitoring of the subject during the trials (OTS felt that such instrumentation might obscure
	or interfere with the initial trials but agreed to work them in at a later stage
	should there be any positive results); the OTS personnel should prepare a memo
	detailing all their own factual knowledge of the Soviet site before they go to
	SRI for the tests; in view of the subject's relative incompetence with drawings,
	provision be made for him to construct models of what he 'sees' out of lago or
	similar materials; that all his models, drawings, transcripts, etc, be sent to
	NPIC for evaluation before the OTS personnel go to SRI and are exposed to the SG1
SG1I	subject. On 18 July 74 briefed myself (and others)
	on the outcome of the experiments. Since the detailed evaluation will be pre-
	pared by OTS, it is sufficient here to state that: for practical reasons, none of the above suggestions were implemented; though some of the details of the
004	subject's perceptions of the target seem impressive, the overall results were
SG1I	mixed at best; and I strongly urged that the scoring of the results
	be related to the total stimulus field (based on NPIC photography) rather than
	focus merely on the subject's specific 'hits' and 'misses'. Recognizing that
	scoring on that basis would provide more valid statistics on the subject's perf-
	formance, OTS felt that such exhaustive analysis could not reasonably be asked
	of NPIC.
	2. SRI's Performance in re Basic Research. On 27 June 74 OTS was given an
	advanced copy of my 17-18 June SRI trip report. During the 18 July meeting, in
	response to the criticisms contained in the trip report and the allusion to the
SG1I	possibility of terminating the project, asked for more details
	on our position. After reviewing SRI's spotty performance thus far, we stressed
	that we had explicitly told SRI that they had to make significant progress with
SG1I	respect to the five items listed in para 5 of the trip report by mid-August. stated that he would send SRI an official letter covering those points so
	that, should termination eventually be necessary, our case would be well-docu-
SG1I	mented. It was agreed that would make a prolonged site visit
JO 11	soon after the mid-August meetings with the SRI representatives in D.Ceither
	to monitor the continuing research (if acceptable progress has been made by then)
	or to gather evidence for termination of, at least, the basic research portion
	of the project. Other alternatives, such as allowing SRI a no-additional-cost
	extension to complete the basic research tasks, were also discussed.
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